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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXIV: 6 RENEGOTIATIONS

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BEGIN SUMMARY SIR MAX BROWN (SECRETARY FOR TRADE AT
DTI) WELCOMED THE CONSTRUCTIVE TONE OF THE US AIDE
MEMOIRE ON ARTICLE XXIV:6. HE SAID THAT THE UK WILL
DO WHAT IT CAN TO BE HELPFUL, BUT OTHER MEMBER STATES
WILL ALSO HAVE TO PUT PRESSURE ON FRANCE TO CHANGE ITS
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VIEW THAT THERE IS NO EC DEBT TO THE US. IN ORDER TO

ENCOURAGE THE OTHER MEMBER STATES TO DO THIS, BROWN SAID, THE US WILL NEED TO MAKE HIGH-LEVEL APPROACHES TO MEMBER STATES TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHES TO ARTICLE XXIV:6. IN SOME CASES, APPROACHES AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL WOULD BE USEFUL. BROWN ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THE US FEED IN SUBSTANTIVE ARGUMENTS WHEREVER IT CAN BE IN SUPPORT OF ITS POSITIONS ON SPECIFIC ITEMS. END SUMMARY

1. ON JANUARY 14, ECON COM MIN CALLED ON SIR MAX BROWN, SECRETARY (TRADE), DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, TO DELIVER COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE (REFTEL) ON THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 RENEGOTIATIONS. MARTIN LAM, THE UNDER SECRETARY AT DTI RESPONSIBLE FOR GATT QUESTIONS, WAS ALSO PRESENT.

2. ECON COM MIN OUTLINED CONTENTS OF AIDE MEMOIRE, AND SAID THAT IT WAS BEING PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. HE SAID THAT WHILE THE US DID NOT FIND THE EC OFFER ACCEPTABLE, WE CONSIDER THAT IT PROVIDES A SUITABLE FOUNDATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FAIR SETTLEMENT. THE US BELIEVES THERE IS A NEED TO PROVIDE FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON GRAINS IMPROVEOFFER ON NON-CEREALS ITEMS, AND TO ADD CERTAIN OTHER ITEMS (E.G., EXCAVATING EQUIPMENT). HE SAID THAT THE US BELIEVES IT ESSENTIAL THAT THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS BE BROUGHT TO AN AGREED CONCLUSION EARLY IN 1974.

3. AFTER SKIMMING THROUGH THE TEXT OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE, SIR MAX WELCOMED ITS "CONSTRUCTIVE" TONE. HE SAID THAT HMG WOULD STUDY THE US COUNTERPROPOSALS CAREFULLY, AND WOULD TRY ITS BEST TO BE HELPFUL. THE BRITISH, HE SAID, WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BRING THE NEGOTIATIONS TO AN AGREED CONCLUSION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

4. BROWN POINTED OUT THAT "NOT MANY" MEMBER STATES SEEM PREPARED TO CONTEST THE FRENCH LINE ON ARTICLE XXIV:6. SOME HAVE SPECIAL INTERESTS TO PROTECT. THIS IS TRUE OF ITALY, FOR EXAMPLE,* WITH REGARD TO CITRUS AND TOBACCO -- TWO ITEMS ON WHICH THE UK WOULD HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIKED TO SEE THE COMMUNITY GO FURTHER TOWARD MEETING US REQUESTS. FOR OTHERS, HOWEVER, SPECIAL INTERESTS ARE NOT INVOLVED. TO ENCOURAGE THESE TO PUT PRESSURE ON FRANCE, BROWN SAID, THE US WILL NEED TO MAKE HIGH-LEVEL APPROACHES TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHES TO ARTICLE XXIV:6. IN SOME CASES, APPROACHES AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL WOULD BE USEFUL. BROWN ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THE US FEED IN SUBSTANTIVE ARGUMENTS

WHEREVER IT CAN IN SUPPORT OF ITS POSITIONS ON
SPECIFIC ITEMS. UNQUOTE

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